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Collectors' Notices.

Mr. J. F. Clark, our agent, will call upon our subscribers in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Mr. S. H. Tamm, our agent, will call upon our subscribers in York county during May and June.

Mr. C. N. Atwater, our agent, will call upon our subscribers in Cumberland county during May.

Our Government and Russia.

The excitement caused by the appearance and landing of the steamship *Cimbria* on the coast of Maine has gradually subsided now that the objects and purposes of the visit are quite well understood. The presence of the officers in command, for a few days, gave rise to many wild speculations and the reports of newspaper correspondents which were founded entirely on conjecture, created considerable uneasiness and anxiety among our Dominion neighbors. The Russian officials are not here for the purpose of fitting out privateers, should war be declared, to prey upon British commerce, nor to purchase small fast sailing vessels, nor to join with the Fenians in an invasion of Canada. The avowed objects of the visit are, either to purchase or build ships for the Russian navy, and it seems that such an enterprise was contemplated before a war between Russia and England became imminent, and was one of the results growing out of our Centennial Exhibition.

It is reported that the Russian officers on board the *Cimbria*, are very popular with the citizens of Mt. Desert and that the sympathies of the latter are strongly on the side of Russia in the impending struggle, and this is probably a fair representation of the feelings of the American people generally, for, notwithstanding the great dissimilarity in their forms of government, no two nations have ever been more closely united in the bonds of friendship. During the invasion of Russia by the armies of Napoleon during the Crimean war, and in fact when ever Russia has been drawn into a sanguinary contest, the sympathies and best wishes have been on her side. The only exception to this was when Russia interfered in the Austrian-Hungarian struggle, when the moral support of the people of the United States was heartily given to Kossoff. The friendship of these two countries could ordinarily be accounted for only on the theory that opposites are attracted toward each other. Russia is not an example of despotism as the United States is of democracy. All the institutions of the two governments are diametrically opposed, and yet, for nearly three-quarters of a century, they have been linked together in the closest friendship.

Our relations with Russia were of but little importance until 1809, when our first minister was sent there in the person of John Quincy Adams. It was at this time that we began to have trouble with England which a short time after, resulted in our second and last war with that country. England then as now, had a powerful navy and was mistress of the seas, and she did not hesitate to use her power in utter disregard of the rights of other nations. The United States held to the now well established doctrine that free shipmake free goods, and in violation of this principle, our vessels were searched and confiscated with their cargoes, on the most frivolous and groundless pretexts. In our view of the subject, Russia was in full accord, and this laid the foundation for that sullen and national good feeling which has never ceased to exist. Neither shall we ever forget that Russia of all the great powers of Europe, was our fast and unfaltering friend in the war of the rebellion. While England allowed privateers to be fitted out on her coasts and gave the Confederate government both moral and material support, and while France favored a joint European intervention, Russia remained firm in her friendship and found means on numerous occasions to assure our government of her good will.

It is the wish of the American people that between these two great powers may be averted. There is no doubt of this, but if war comes, the sympathy of the great mass of our people, will be with that government which is always our friend.

The issues involved in the conflict are such that, as citizens of a great republic, we can sympathize with an absolute monarch, without any sacrifice of principle. But our sympathy will not control our judgement, as was the case with England in her course toward the rebel States. We shall perform our duty as neutrals and not allow any hostile expeditions to be fitted out in our ports. No invasion of Canada by American citizens will be allowed. Our sympathies in favor of Cuban independence have been natural and strong, but we have paid strict regard to those well-established principles of international law which governs such cases, and Spain has had no cause of complaint.

These same principles will guide us in our dealings with the two belligerent powers, should efforts to avert a war be unavailing.

Mr. J. M. Pulsifer agent for the cable lighting conductor will remain in Kennebunk during the coming summer and will wait on all those who may desire his services. We have frequently taken occasion to caution our readers against the wiles of the irresponsible lighting man, because we know that many of the devices for warding off lightning are humbugs and liable to do much more harm than good. We have never doubted that a conductor composed of the right material, when well adjusted, would carry off the electric fluid and save the building, but when composed in part of poor material, or when out of order, it is a source of danger. The great destroyer of the ordinary iron rod is the rust which in a few years so corrodes it that it becomes an insulator. The cable conductor, which the public puts up so thoroughly and gallantly, that corrosion is impossible, is composed of a large number of wires which presents a large surface of insulation to the surface. In strength and durability, it is not to be compared with the iron rod.

The board organized for the ensuing year by the choice of Charles K. Partridge of Augusta as chairman; H. T. Cummings of Portland, Auditor; N. S. Harlow of Bar Harbor, Secretary and Treasurer.

DT. AFFAIRS. There was an adjourned session of the board of aldermen on Wednesday evening of last week. An order was passed providing for grand stinks as follows: On the west side of the city, the west end of Congress street, 4 feet wide.

On the westerly side of Park street, 4 feet wide.

On the westerly side of Prospect street, from Winthrop street to the house of L. T. Swift, 4 feet wide.

The resignation of H. T. Morse and W. W. Robbins, respectively as Chief and 1st Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department, were received, read and accepted. G. G. Buras and J. W. Harlow were elected respectively Chief Engineer and Assistant.

We invite the attention of our readers to the advertisement of James H. Leigh, dealer in ready made clothing etc., in Hallowell. This is an old reliable establishment, and those in want of this line of goods will do well to give them a call.

The East Somersett Educational Association will hold its third session at Hart-monton Village on Friday and Saturday, May 1st and June 1st, 1878, commencing at 9 o'clock A. M. Board will be free for all to attend the sale.

The Supreme Court of this state has decided that the municipal officers and not the agent must purchase liquors for town agencies; and that these liquors are liable to seizure and confiscation, and the municipal officers to indictment, if the purchase is made elsewhere than of the State Commissioner, or of such other municipal officer as is named in the bill. A town or city may lawfully sell liquors for medicinal purposes, but not for other than medicinal purposes, is liable to indictment.

CITY NEWS AND GOSSIP. Mr. F. M. Gifford will deliver the oration Decoration and Memorial Day, in this city.—The old wooden building at the foot of Rines' Hill, owned by the railroad company, has been torn down and replaced by a large building for storing coal.—Geo. H. Cross & Co., have the contract for planking the new hotel.—Bion Wilson who had offices with E. F. Pillsbury, has opened a new office in Bradbury's block.—Col. W. M. Drew in Bradbury's block.—Col. W. M. Drew and family who have spent the winter in Florida, will return to the city the first of June.—Rev. C. D. Pillsbury of Font du Lac, Wisconsin, has been on a visit to his brothers in this city.—Charles E. Sawyer, who refused to have his dead wife buried in the cemetery for the sake of the insurance, was arraigned in the Augustus Municipal Court last week, and in default of his appearance at the next term of court, was committed to jail.—The employees in Allens' Publishing House, were paid their last month's dues in gold. The amount paid out was twenty-five hundred dollars.—Rev. Mr. Enoch of the Congregational church, contemplates a six months' tour to Europe, and will leave the first of June.—A Reform Club was organized on Friday evening last, at the school house in this city, by Billy Gorman, with the following officers: President, Geo. W. Coombs; Vice Presidents, Edwin L. White, Edwin H. Tilton, Fred N. Pinkham; Secretary, Rev. F. N. Pinkham; Treasurer, Mary A. Stone; Assistant Treasurer, Rose E. Clement. Forty-four persons put their names to the iron-clad pledge.—Since Friday the weather has been cold and decidedly uncomfortable. Damaging frosts are reported in many sections of the country.—We learn that Miss Lydia Hartwell of August 12 died at Annapolis, Maryland, on the 16th inst., where she had resided for more than a year with a niece. Her age was about 60 years. The deceased was a lady of fine culture, a daughter of the late John Hartwell. The remains were brought to this city, in the afternoon train Tuesday, and taken to the family burial ground in the Cony cemetery, where the burial services of the Episcopal church were observed.—The following officers were elected at the last meeting of the Temperance Club: President, G. S. Brooks; 1st Vice President, A. P. Wilder; 2d Vice President, G. E. Dunton; Secretary, T. A. Brennan; Ass't Secretary, F. H. Owen; Treasurer, G. C. Woodrow; Ass't Treasurer, E. C. Hendee; Sergeant-at-Arms, G. W. Martin, Jr.—Mr. J. W. Harlow, the popular clay express and truckman, has purchased a fine pair of black horses whose aggregate weight is nearly 3000 pounds, and has had a carriage constructed to match. It makes one of the finest truck teams we have ever seen in this city.—Wednesday morning at half past five o'clock the mercury stood at 28 degrees above zero, and there was a heavy frost. Ice formed in several places of the thickness of window glass. Much damage to fruit bushes is feared.—The old and faithful horse belonging to Wm. Caldwell Esq., and driven by him to the State House on every working day this "many a year," broke his last leg and had to be laid to rest.

Mr. William Eaton, the veteran engineer of the Farnham Office, reached his eighty-second birthday on Sunday last. He was born in Worcester, Mass. May 13th 1798, and remained in that city until he was twenty years old, when he spent two years in Georgia. He then came to Boston and for several years was bar-keeper at Earle's Coffee House on Hanover Street. He subsequently went to Philadelphia and was bar-keeper of the Mansion House. This was before the agitation of the temperance question, when "perpendicular" ratios were regarded by all classes, as essential to the health and comfort of man, as bread and meat.

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